IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI	§	
SYNOD, a Missouri nonprofit corporation	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	Case No. 1:23-cv-1042-RP
v.	§	
	§	
DONALD CHRISTIAN, CHRISTOPHER	§	
BANNWOLF, CONCORDIA	§	
UNIVERSITY TEXAS, INC., & JOHN	§	
DOES 1-12	§	

<u>DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO</u> <u>EXTEND RESPONSIVE PLEADING DEADLINE</u>

Donald Christian, Christopher Bannwolf, and Concordia University Texas, Inc. ("Defendants") submit this Unopposed Motion to Extend Responsive Pleading Deadline as follows:

Plaintiff Lutheran Church Missouri Synod filed a Response to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction and Failure to Join Indispensable Parties on May 10, 2024. Pursuant to Local Rule CV-7 (E) (2), Defendants' deadline to file a reply brief is May 17, 2024. Defendants need an additional 7 days to submit their reply brief. Plaintiff does not oppose this motion.

Defendants request that the Court enter an order granting this motion and extending the deadline for Defendants to file their reply brief until May 24, 2024.

This motion is not sought for delay but so that justice may be served.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants pray that the Court enter an order granting this motion to extend responsive pleading deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that on May 13, 2024, Clark Richards conferred with counsel for Plaintiff about the relief being sought in this motion and Plaintiff does not oppose this motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 14th day of May 2024, I electronically filed the above and foregoing document, which will send notification of such filing to:

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